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In addition, the Carter Administration seriously miscalculated the impact and the consequences in the Soviet Union of the U.S. plan for deep cuts in nuclear armed forces, informed American sources privately concede.

In public, administration spokesmen have said the U.S. was "not surprised" by the swift, total rejection of the dual American arms control proposal. In fact, the U.S. negotiators were badly taken by surprise, and the long-range consequences of the failure are totally unknown.

Virtually nothing that happened to the American nuclear strategy in

Sadat said in the interview that "America can and should exert pressure on Israel to bring about a Middle East settlement." He said that in the past, quoting the late President Eisenhower's move after the Suez Campaign in 1956, "Washington promptly obtained Israel's evacuation of the Sinai."

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

He said there was no effort attempted to reach full agreement with Egypt on all the issues and noted that the U.S. has differences of opinion with both Israel and Egypt on certain issues.

Corporal Wagdy Rakha was a member of the military attache's office at the embassy, the sources said.

The sources alleged he was recruited by Israeli intelligence agents in London.

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| Nazareth | 82 | 15-24 |
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| Shomron | 80 | 15-24 |
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The next meeting of the English-speaking Arah Lodge will take place on Monday, April 11, 1977, at 7.45 p.m., at B'nai B'rith House, 10 Kaplan, Tel Aviv. Laura Klarfeld, director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. of Beit Levenshtein, will speak on "Brain-Damaged Soldiers."

Pay for 'little work' investigated at Ashdod Port

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — A team from the State Comptroller's office is investigating a charge that a number of storehouse workers have been paid for doing very little work during two consecutive citrus seasons.

Warehouse No. 103, one of the largest in the port, is used during the citrus export season, mainly by the Citrus Marketing Board.

Like all other warehouses at the port, No. 103 has its regular team of storekeepers. These storekeepers have been receiving pay plus premiums from the Ports Authority for handling citrus fruit.

But according to Moshe Doron, the Ashdod director of the board, the work is being performed by board workers and not by storehouse teams.

Port spokesman Haim Shushan said, because of the peculiarity of the case, the port management decided to call in the State Comptroller's team. Shushan was not able to say how many workers were involved.

15 to 20% more pay for Bank of Israel workers

Post Economic Reporter
Bank of Israel officials are to receive a pay rise of 15 to 20 per cent, according to a memorandum signed yesterday by the employees and the bank's directorate.

According to the memorandum, the employees will receive a pay rise of 15.00 to 17.00 in addition to 2.25 per cent increase similar to that granted to all employees in the public sector. The employees will also receive rises in special allowances that will not, according to the memorandum, amount to more than 3 per cent of their total pay.

Begin much better after heart attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Likud leader Menachem Begin was allowed out of bed to take walks yesterday and a source close to him said last night that he is much better after suffering a heart attack.

"This is quite a serious situation if you don't catch it on time," the source said. "But the doctors caught it."

Begin has begun receiving guests, including Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. But Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev and Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehoshua, who went to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv to visit him, did not see him because he was asleep. (Leader — Page 10)

Pessah pilgrims, rambblers promised pleasant weather for today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Holidaymakers taking advantage of the intermediate days are promised a further drop in temperatures today, following yesterday's break in the weekend Pessah weekend heat wave that had blanketed the country. The mercury is expected to be no higher than the low 20s in the Coastal Plain and 15-19 in the hills.

The weatherman also reversed his previous forecast of widespread rain today. He said there would be showers only in the North, and only in the morning.

Meanwhile, the army spokesman announced yesterday that persons planning trips to border regions must coordinate these with the army, through the following Nature Protection Society addresses:

Tel Aviv — 44 Derech Patah Tikva, P.O.B. 87170, Tel. 510871.
Haifa — 8 Rehov Ezerai, P.O.B. 4083, Tel. 511448.

Jerusalem — 15 Rehov Helene Hamalka, P.O.B. 930, Tel. 233511.
Beer Sheva — 7 Derech Eilat, P.O.B. 7, Tel. 71490 (Belt Yashiv).

Jerusalem, traditional centre of Pessah pilgrimages, had an estimated 10,000 visitors yesterday

(100,000 are expected to have gone up to the capital by the end of Pessah week). Police reported no incidents.

Yesterday several hundred Bible scholars convened in Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am for the beginning of the joint conference of the Israel and Jewish Bible societies — devoted this year to the Book of Exodus. The first two of the 40 papers scheduled were given by Prof. Shmuel Yefvin, on the numbers of the Children of Israel at the Exodus according to the sources, and by Prof. Yehuda Eilat, on the Exodus and Egyptian history.

In the North, Haifa's International Flower Show had by last night chalked up 73,000 visitors. The number was swelled by the members of about 1,000 large families, who were given reduced-price tickets. The families, which arrived in buses from throughout the North, Ezerai and Jerusalem, toured Haifa before coming to see the flowers on Mount Carmel.

Today will be Intertel Day at the show, with about 100 nurserymen and florists attending. They have promised to show the public their

skill in flower-arranging at the Auditorium. Two dozen diplomats with wives and children are also expected; they will be guests of the city.

Far to the south, a steady stream of traffic pouring into Eilat since Sunday had by yesterday morning filled all the Red Sea resort's hotels, camp sites and beaches.

But there was none of the usual Pessah congestion, as thousands more holidaymakers had continued on through town and southwards to the Neviot (Nuebia) area, where a dusk-to-dawn rock festival is scheduled to begin on Friday. The organizers are offering blues singer Memphis Slim and Israel pop star Ariel Zilber, along with such items as rock bands and traditional Beduin music. They say they expect 10,000 young people to pay the IL8 admission fee.

Still farther south, the Gulf of Eilat village of D-Zahav (Dahab) yesterday reported one man drowned in a diving accident. A second man, airlifted north by helicopter, was in serious condition in the decompression chamber at Eilat's Joeseph Hospital. No further details were available.

El Al crew halts flight by full day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al's flight 007, a jumbo Boeing 747, took off for Montreal yesterday afternoon almost a full day behind schedule. The reason: a news squabble with El Al's cabin attendants, who wanted an extra eight pursers and stewardesses on board (in addition to the normal complement of 22 cabin attendants) who man a regular non-stop flight to New York.

The dispute followed Sunday's demands by cabin crews for increased holiday compensation, which resulted in crews absenting themselves from four flights. El Al spokesman Uriel Yashiv at first tried to downplay Sunday's difficulties by saying there had been no passengers for the four flights anyway; but yesterday he indicated there were passengers, and they had been transferred to TWA and Air France flights.

El Al's management yesterday turned down the latest crew request. The flight to Montreal was shorter than that to New York, it said, and there would be no justification for increasing the crew.

Ultimately El Al's management ordered a change in the routing of the aircraft, with New York as its first intermediate stop. The cabin attendants were to be replaced by a fresh group stationed in New York before the plane continued on to Montreal.

Tourists who had celebrated the Seder in Israel and were eager to get home, suffered. Not all of them did so silently. A Mr. Shneyr, from Flushing, New York, called The Jerusalem Post's Tel Aviv office. His plane, he said, should have left at 6.30 a.m. Shneyr, his wife, daughter, and son-in-law, had been told to be at the airport at 4.30 a.m.

The Shneyr's odyssey included a trip back to Tel Aviv for breakfast. Then an announcement said that the plane would take off at noon. Then it became 2.30 p.m.

"Now we are told that there may be an announcement at 3.30," Shneyr said, from the airport. "All we had was this breakfast and vouchers for some orange juice. There are women here with children and babies in arm. This is ridiculous. There is nobody to talk or complain to. Nobody knows from nothing."

"This isn't the kind of thing that can kill our feelings for Israel," the tourist added, "but it isn't doing them any good either."

Commenting on a report that some of Sunday's flights did not have any cabin attendants on board, in violation of International Civil Aviation Organization regulations, El Al's Yashiv said that the company had specially trained safety officers on board. Flights which carried "unaccompanied passengers" did have full complements of safety officers on board, he added.

Bomb goes off under train

A small bomb exploded on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway line yesterday as a passenger train was passing.

The explosion, which occurred near Batir, caused no damage and was hardly felt by those on the train. The police have so far made no arrests and the investigation is continuing.

However, Israel Radio reporter Aliza Eldar, who was on the train, said he saw two men running away from the scene.

Police look for man who shot shepherdess

ASHKELON (Itim). — Police are looking for a man who shot and seriously wounded a Beduin shepherdess in Shik on Saturday. Atalia Ibrahim al-Othman, 17, arrived at Ashkelon hospital on Saturday night in critical condition. After surgery she told police she was shot by one of two men who drove by her herd in a jeep.

The shepherdess said that she was tending her family's herd with another girl on Saturday evening in the Barnea area when a jeep drove into a nearby quarry. After leaving the quarry the shepherdess said one of the men in the jeep suddenly drew a gun and fired in her direction, wounding her in the abdomen.

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THE JERUSALEM POST takes pleasure in inviting you, tourist or resident, to an 'info' evening tomorrow April 6, at 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem.

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Yadlin to tell all about Labour...if

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin is prepared to reveal Labour Party financing practices if the information is used to clean up the system rather than to incriminate a few figures, the former Knesset member told three investigators from the State Comptroller's office on Thursday.

Yadlin, once a candidate for the governorship of the Bank of Israel, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined IL250,000 earlier this year for accepting bribes and falsifying tax declarations.

Sources close to Yadlin told The Jerusalem Post that his meeting with the investigators was held at Ramle prison and lasted about an hour and a half. Yadlin reportedly offered to reveal what he knew in exchange for immunity for those whose names he might mention.

During his trial, on February 22, Yadlin said that he had brought millions of pounds into the Labour Party coffers. In Thursday's meeting with the State Comptroller investigators, Yadlin explained that

his demand for immunity for those whose names he might mention arose from a desire to keep money from being "thrown away" while those who exert pressure went unpunished.

When the investigators said it was impossible to grant immunity beforehand, Yadlin argued that immunity could be granted to those who testified as witnesses to those who were willing to grant it to those who were willing to testify against him because of pressure from him.

On Friday Yadlin filed an appeal against his five-year prison term in the Supreme Court. In the appeal, Sholomo Toussie argued that the Tel Aviv Court had erred in rejecting Yashiv's claim that the money he received from attorney Haim Goshen was for the Labour Party.

Toussie-Cohen claims that Hadasah Ben-Ho had erred in asserting that Yadlin's plea was without reason for leniency.

Wife of Yadlin friend says police won't return passport

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rivka Flukman, wife of former Labour Party functionary Meir Flukman, yesterday charged that police have been illegally holding her passport. She said she gave her passport to police several months ago following a search of her apartment and that they refuse to return it.

Meir Flukman is a close friend of former Knesset member Asher Yadlin.

According to police, several paintings by artist Zvi Shur, believed to have been stolen, were found in Mrs. Flukman's apartment. Also found was \$800 in U.S. currency, which could be a witness of the foreign currency regulations, police said.

Mrs. Flukman claimed that she bought the pictures legally and that the money belongs to an American relative of the family.

Despite several requests by her lawyer, Avigdor Canetti, she said the police are holding her passport, without court order, claiming that the investigation against her is still under way.

Mrs. Flukman told The Jerusalem Post that her only hope of obtaining her passport is to appeal to the High Court of Justice, which she says is beyond her financial means. Mrs. Flukman has not been charged.

Press Council to check papers' crime reporting

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Israel Press Council has decided to form a team to check local papers' observance of the council's ban on publication of criminal suspects' names before they are sentenced.

Meeting in plenum, the council reaffirmed the principle that newspaper reports must not contravene the principle that a man is innocent until proved guilty. The council also decided that newspapers must tell their readers if a man remanded by a magistrate is not later indicted.

The Press Council also decided that newspapers must not publish pictures of hospitals in which the faces of psychiatric and chronic patients can be identified.

charged. However, the police indicated that they would speak to her husband, who left for Belgium about half a year ago and has not yet returned. He is a close friend of the late minister, Avraham Ofer, as of the convicted Yadlin, is responsible of shedding light on Party election financing.

While the Yadlin investigation is in progress, Tel Aviv stock Julius Saltsman testified at a police headquarters that it was one of several emissaries Yadlin had sent to him to take from a securities account registered in the name of Yadlin and Haim Goshen, the lawyer who Yadlin took back on various Holim land deals.

Year in jail for killing cyclists

NETANYA (Itim). — A 24-year-old motorist responsible for two bicyclists and seriously injured a third in two separate accidents yesterday sent to jail for a year. Magistrate Court here also ordered the man, Nissan Cohen, driving licence for life, fine IL4,000, and gave him an additional two-year suspended sentence.

Cohen's first fatal accident occurred December 1976, when he ran over a 53-year-old man walking his bicycle. Netanya's Sheriff Weissmann found was in October 1976.

Cohen killed bicyclist Benjamin Zvi Shur, who was seriously injured, with his car. The driver, Kfir Zvi Shur, seriously injured, Prosper R.

Pedestrian killed by police jeep

HAIFA (Itim). — A police jeep driven by a civil guardman, ed down and killed 66-year-old Chayon as he was walking a street in Kiryat Haim on night.

Police are investigating.

See how they run

By Aryeh Rubinstein

The American legal advisers of the Democratic Movement for Change have told the movement's leaders that it is not a violation of U.S. law for the DMC to raise campaign funds in that country.

Reacting to the front-page story in Sunday's "New York Times", DMC finance committee chairman Meir de Shalit said yesterday that the American law requiring "foreign agents" to register applied only to persons working for foreign governments, not for political parties. Contributions from U.S. friends totaled IL400,000, according to the DMC spokesman, who adds that this is less than the Treasury's allotment to a political party for a single MK.

Mapam has decided not to make an issue of the agreement reached on Sunday between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and MK Moshe Dayan on the question of general elections before any part of Judea or Samaria is relinquished. Naftali Feder, Mapam's political secretary and No. 2 on its Knesset list, told The Post

last night that it was Dayan who had insisted, not Rabin. "What was Dayan promised? Only that a number of Labour MKs would support him. But Rabin himself yielded nothing." There had been no substantive change, Feder insisted.

But MK Meir Pa'il had a different view. Pa'il, whose Moked group is now part of the new Shelli bloc (which includes Aryeh Eliaz, Uri Avnery, and Se'adia Moked), saw the latest development in the Alignment as a "surrender" to Dayan. Addressing a student audience at Ramat Aviv, Pa'il held that the significance of the agreement was that no action towards peace could be expected from the next government. His reasoning: since any peace decision would require new elections, no government would risk its own destruction.

Shelli has proudly announced a new convert: Ruth Dayan. In a statement explaining her decision, she says that it is as a peace-lover she has joined the new party and not as a

representative of any of its constituent groups. "I see peace as a cardinal issue in the elections," said Ruth Dayan. Her son, Asaf Dayan, joined Shelli about 10 days ago. Yitzhak Rabin, secretary-general of the Independent Liberals, has called upon the chairman of the Press Council, Dr. Yehoshua Kestenreich, to initiate the appointment of a qualified and disinterested scientific committee that would vouch for the reliability of the public opinion polls that are published in the press.

Another ILP man, Avraham Hassam, head of his party's faction in the Knesset, took a swipe at the DMC for emphasizing the need for "change" without explaining to the electorate the precise nature of the change it plans to bring about. The DMC, he charged, is all things to all men. Shmuel Tamir and Stef Wertheimer promise that the labour enterprises will be disbanded, while Meir Amit and David Golemb insist that they will be preserved.

Most observers think that the two Druse who occupy places 12 and 13 on the DMC list, Assad Najib Shaikh and Zelman Assad, are sitting pretty. Not so Knesset member, a member of the Labour Party's central committee and the President's adviser on the affairs of the minorities. In a letter to Prime Minister Rabin yesterday, Mansour maintains that there is a serious possibility that there will be no Druse representative in the next Knesset, since no party has chosen a Druse for a safe place. The question is one of regional and even international importance politically, Mansour declares; and he wants Labour to do something about it; namely, put him in a safe place on its list.

Gush Emunim march today

Gush Emunim expects tens of thousands of people to participate in a march in western Samaria today. The orthodox-led movement also will lay a cornerstone for "a new city," 12 km. east of Kalkilya on the road to Nebulus.

Meanwhile, leaders of the dovish Shelli will call upon key personalities in the West Bank "to convince them that the provocation... does not represent all of Israel." Shelli will tell the Arabs that "the overwhelming majority here wants peace and understanding with the Arabs."

In contrast with previous two-day marches, today's participants are expected to cover only 14 km. around Abu Karnin. Abu Karnin overlooks the Coastal Plain. Gush Emunim said it is a four- to five-hour walk, but the movement has often been overly optimistic.

The march will end with laying the cornerstone for a city to be called "Karnel Shomron."

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Two Arab villages strike to protest Land Day violence

By YOEL DAR, Jerusalem Post Reporter

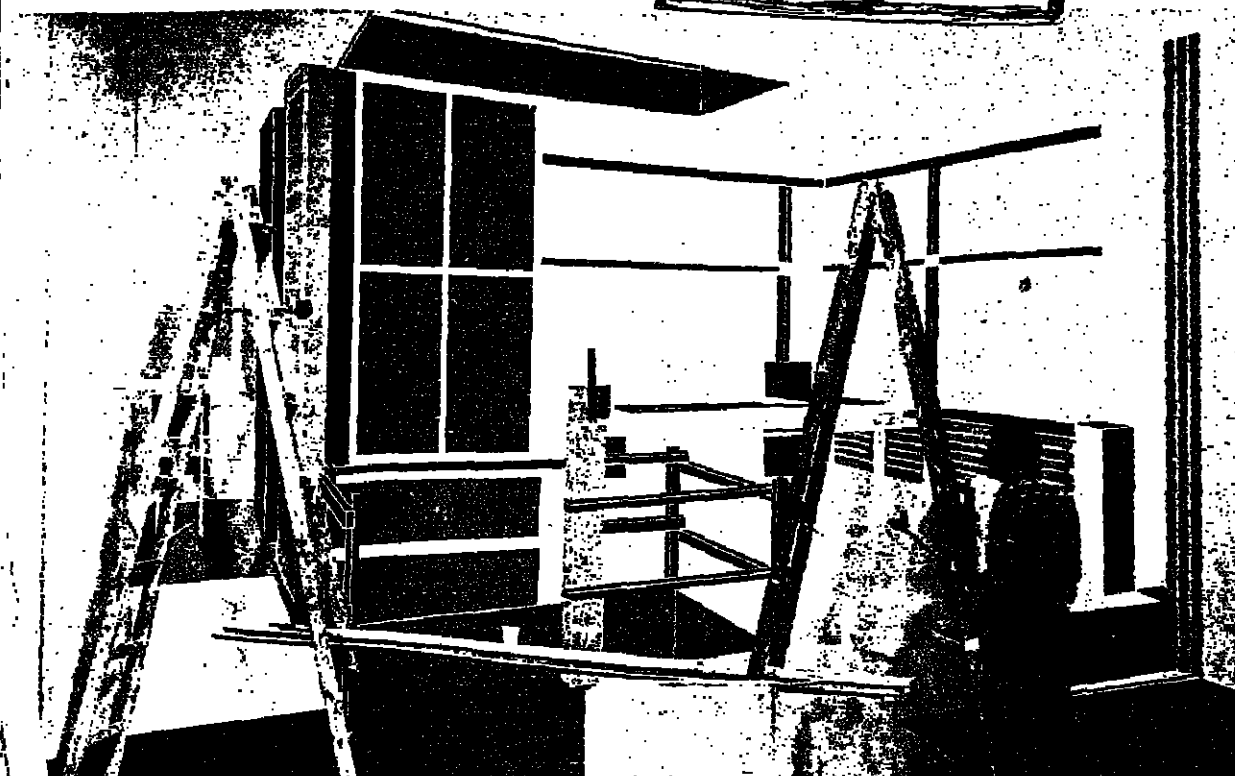
HAIFA — Activities were paralyzed yesterday in two Arab villages, Baka and al-Biyya, and Jatt, in the north, because of a general strike called by the residents to protest the treatment of villagers on the anniversary of Land Day. The workers did not go to work and shops were closed. A group of youths assembled in Baka to discuss the strike. In al-Biyya, several hundred villagers and visitors gathered. Many carried signs in Hebrew and Arabic protesting "the forces' cruel treatment." It was quiet all day, as the residents were urged by village officials to maintain calm. Visitors were treated to cold drinks. "We are people of peace and want to live in coexistence with the Jewish people," the Jerusalem Post was told. The deputy chairman of the local council, Murad Kadi, called on the residents to appoint a special commission to put on trial those responsible for injuring local residents on Land Day. He claimed the police and soldiers had been in homes and hit anybody in their way. The youth told The Post that he had been beaten up by policemen while he was sipping coffee in a cafe.

Electricians fined for causing death of pedestrian

TEL AVIV — An electrician and his employer were fined in Magistrates Court here yesterday for inadvertently causing the death of a pedestrian in Rehov Kussevitzy four years ago. The judge found that Yehoshua Mittler, 55, had employed an unqualified electrician while working on a contract to install street lighting for the Tel Aviv Municipality in 1973. The electrician, Avraham Weisman, 37, failed to use the proper clamps and insulating materials when joining two cables. As a result, the connection came loose shortly afterwards, and a passing pedestrian was struck and killed by one of the falling cables. Mittler was fined IL5,000 and Weisman IL3,000. They were each given a nine-month suspended jail sentence.

Bikur Holim doctor Gitelson buried

Professor Simon Gitelson, the late head of the Bikur Holim hospital in Tel Aviv, was buried yesterday at the Sanhedria cemetery in Jerusalem. Dr. Gitelson died on Sunday aged 70. He was born in Vilna where he completed his studies in medicine and philosophy. He immigrated in 1946 and worked in the Hadassah hospital for 10 years. For the last 17 years he was head of the Bikur Holim internal ward.



Art's an illusion, as demonstrated by this photo of a painting of a room now on display as part of the Israel Museum's new "De Stijl" exhibit. Admission is free today at the Israel Museum and the Rockefeller Museum, in honour of Pessah, and thanks to a special fund in memory of Robert Crown of Chicago.

Rockefeller Museum, in honour of Pessah, and thanks to a special fund in memory of Robert Crown of Chicago.

Gov't tanker strike settled, unlocking Negev oil flow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — "This strike should never have broken out," Marine Officers Union secretary Adam Chisik told The Jerusalem Post last night following settlement of the union's dispute with the Transasit oil transportation company. The two seamen's unions — officers and ratings — struck one company ship at each end of the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline on Friday, to force the government-owned firm to engage Israeli seamen on the tankers it operates. The strike had threatened to paralyze the pipeline, but it was settled yesterday following discussions between unions and management under the auspices of Histadrut trades union chief Uriel Abramowitz. Chisik said agreement was reached after management undertook to find other berths within a fortnight for the seamen from an Israeli-owned tanker it is withdrawing from service. The men will draw full salary pending their reassignment. "If the company had been as reasonable on Friday, the strike would have been avoided," Chisik said. In another development, the Officers Union, acting on behalf of the International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF), yesterday afternoon ordered Haifa Port pilots not to allow the Panama-flag freighter Seabird to leave port. She was due to sail for Cyprus after loading cargo. Chisik said the 10-man Turkish crew had asked the union's assistance against the inadequate wages they said they are being paid by the Cypriot owners. They also are also refusing to sail until the owners sign the standard ITF contract. The Israeli officers union is one of the most active in the world in ITF's fight against exploitation of seamen on ships flying "flags of convenience" — those of countries (mainly Liberia and Panama) which have no reasonable rules governing employment conditions on board.

Radio technicians continue sanctions

The radio's Third Programme — silenced by a technicians' dispute since Friday — will remain shut down at least through this afternoon, when the works committee meets with the Education Minister. The technicians claim that the Broadcasting Authority broke its promise to propose a new work structure in the departments by November 1976, in exchange for the technicians' agreement to institute the Third Programme. The authority spokesman said yesterday that "most of the problems have been worked out, and only a few little issues remain." The technicians threaten to intensify their sanctions and perhaps begin them in TV House unless the dispute is resolved. The Second Programme's midday news magazine was cancelled yesterday, as the workers held a meeting about the dispute.

Misjudgment and distrust in Moscow

(Continued from page one)

two options to select out of them a counter-offer that would totally serve Soviet interests. Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev was found to be in "surprisingly deteriorating" physical condition, almost ruling out any prospect that he could attend a summit meeting in Washington to confirm a new Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) accord, even if one were reached. This was the goal set in 1974 by former president Gerald Ford and Brezhnev when they met at Vladivostok in November 1974, to be fulfilled in 1975, or at the latest, 1976, before the American presidential election. Carter ruled against widespread recommendations inside the administration to handle the Vance trip as "an exploratory mission" like his Middle East trip in February. Even the joint chiefs of staff are reported to have favoured this milder approach, to avoid confronting the Russians with drastic changes in SALT bargaining so early by an untested, still-organizing, Carter Administration. In any event, Vance never even got the opportunity to present the U.S. proposals directly to Brezhnev, as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did. Instead, it was learned, Brezhnev brushed aside Vance's attempt to make the proposals to him at their first meeting in the Kremlin last Monday, saying he would leave complex technical matters to others. U.S. negotiators do not know if this was because of the 70-year-old Brezhnev's physical condition or chagrin over the new pattern of U.S. negotiations.

Call for minimum standards for Israeli museums

By LIA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A special fund for the purchase of Jewish and Israeli art works for Israel's museums, and a law creating minimum standards for museums, are among the recommendations made by a 10-member public commission to the Minister of Education. The commission chairman, MK Shlomo Abramov, said many of Israel's 94 museums were established by dedicated individuals who have since grown old or found the museums too expensive to maintain. Many museums, he added, do not have organized inventories of their exhibits and do not guard them properly. The proposed law will define a public museum as a non-profit, permanent institution designed to serve the public by providing visual exhibits of man and his culture, as well as opportunities for education and research. Museums which meet all or most of the criteria in the law, will be recognized as "public museums." A public council will then decide how much government money the museums will receive and under what conditions.

Revava 'war of clans' flares up

KIRYAT GAT (Him). — The 20-year-old feud between rival clans on Moshav Revava near here apparently flared up again just before Pessah, when an elderly shepherd from the Hebron Hills area was taken to hospital in Ashkelon with severe facial wounds. The shepherd, Ibrahim al-Makhrout, 60, claimed that he had been attacked by Rahamin Na'im and another youth from the moshav on the eve of the holiday. He said the two had accused him of poisoning their sheep on behalf of a rival clan in the moshav. They also accused him of working for the rival clan, and then set about kicking him in the face. Na'im, who was brought before the Ashkelon Magistrates Court yesterday, denied the charge and claimed that he had been spending Pessah

with his family when the alleged attack occurred. The police told the court, however, that Na'im had undergone a polygraph test and had been found to be lying. The accused told the court that he was being made the "victim of the war of the clans" on the moshav. He said that he had been working to heal the 20-year-old rift, and had asked Baruch Levy, adviser to the Prime Minister on social betterment, to look into the problem. Na'im claimed that Levy had set up an inquiry commission whose findings were about to be published. He said that it was because these would be unpopular among certain people on the moshav that the current tension existed. Na'im was ordered remanded for eight days while the investigation continues.

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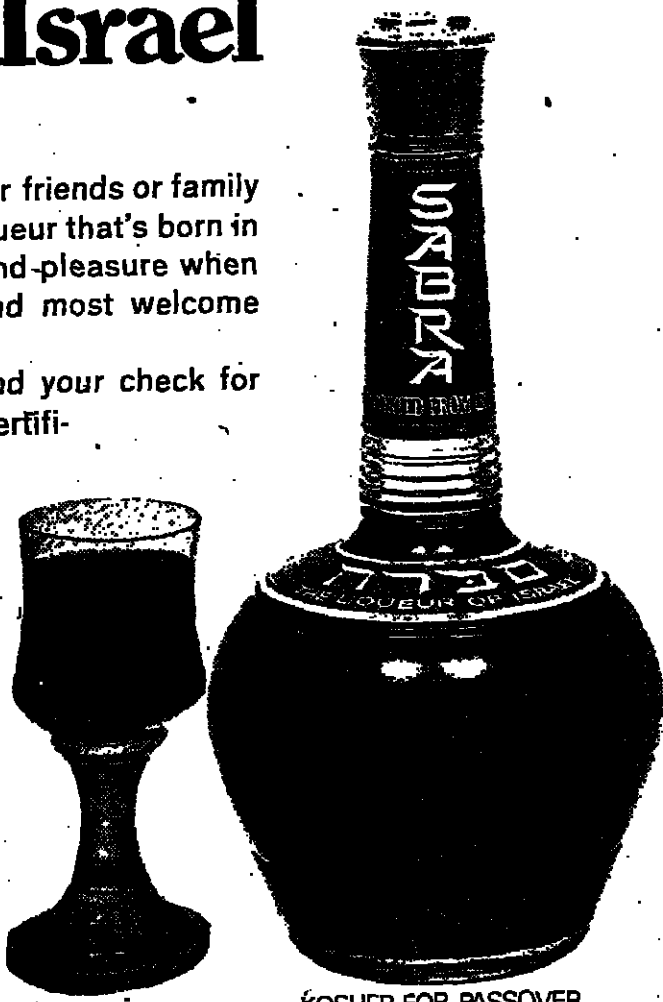
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Zaire breaks ties with Cuba

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP). — The Zaire government broke relations yesterday with Cuba because of its alleged backing of the Angola-based rebel invasion of Shaba province.

The government radio said documents proving Cuban involvement in the invasion were found on an unnamed Cuban diplomat. The radio gave no details of the documents but said all Cuban diplomats have been ordered to leave the country "in accordance with international usage."

At the same time, diplomatic sources reported that President Mobutu Sese Seko has removed popular Gen. Bumba Mooso from his post as chief of the Zaire army's general staff in a shake-up following the invasion.

Bumba told a news conference last

week his troops had found Russians, Cubans and Portuguese among dead enemy soldiers.

In view of Bumba's widespread popularity among Zaire troops, Mobutu has avoided any public announcement of his downgrading, the informants said.

Bumba was allowed to keep his title as the army's "captain-general," but was deprived of his previous authority as chief of the armed forces immediately under Supreme Commander Mobutu.

Appointed as new chief of staff was 31-year-old Gen. Babia Zinghi Malobla, a graduate of Belgium's National Military Academy and director-general of Zaire's Defence Ministry since early last year.

Babia and Bumba have long been known as personal rivals within

Zaire's military power structure, although both are considered intensely loyal to Mobutu.

The informants said Bumba has been appointed as commander of Zaire's giant military base at Kamina, the main supply base against the Marxist-oriented rebels who invaded Shaba province from Angola on March 8 and have seized about one-third of the mineral-rich province.

Reports from the copper mining centre of Kolwezi said the Zaire forces have established a strong defensive position west of the town and seem determined to hold it.

The nearest rebel positions reportedly have been stationary some 80 kms. west of Kolwezi for the past week.

Makarios suffers mild heart attack

NICOSIA. — President of Cyprus Archbishop Makarios was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday after suffering a mild heart attack while celebrating mass on Palm Sunday.

A brief communique said Makarios, 64, "had a mild coronary episode" on Sunday, but continues to be "in charge of state affairs." His condition is satisfactory, it added.

Official sources said the archbishop is confined to his quarters in Nicosia's palace.

He continues to be briefed on developments at the Cyprus peace talks currently held in Vienna and issues instructions as necessary to the Greek Cypriot representative Tasos Papadopoulos, the sources said.

This was the first reported heart attack experienced by the archbishop, who has been president of the island republic since independence from British rule in 1960. He has escaped at least four assassination attempts since 1970.

Under the Cyprus constitution, Makarios' duties would be taken over by Spyros Kyprianou, president of the House of Representatives, if the president's illness continued.

But Kyprianou himself was taken ill last Wednesday. He was hospitalized with what officials called "fatigue" and, though he was released on Sunday, he was advised to spend 10 days at home resting.

Waldheim: No hope of Cyprus solution in current talks

VIENNA (UPI). — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday there would be no solution to the Cyprus conflict in the current round of inter-communal negotiations here.

Waldheim, who presided over the first three days of the talks, said "nothing more can be expected at this stage, that a serious and meaningful exchange of views between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot negotiators."

He said the current round of negotiations, which began on March 31 after a 13-month deadlock, would be followed by "technical discussions in Nicosia in May" and a further meeting in Vienna later this year.

"Negotiations will be long and arduous," Waldheim said. "There are still considerable differences between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot positions."

The Greek-Cypriots have proposed the Turkish-Cypriots return more than half of the 35 per cent of the island they have controlled since Turkish mainland troops invaded Cyprus in 1974. The Turkish-Cypriots have proposed the two autonomous regions should come under a weak central government.



Thousands of Italian feminists, with their hands raised to form their symbol for women, demonstrated in front of Rome's Justice Palace yesterday where a group of youths are on trial for the third day charged with kidnapping and raping a 16-year-old girl. The feminists were angered by a district attorney who had cast doubt on the girl's testimony. (UPI telephoto)

New Congo president named as calm prevails

BRAZZAVILLE. — The Congo's military rulers have announced that a former defence minister, Colonel Joachim Thombi Opango, has taken over the duties of head of state following last month's assassination of President Marien Ngouabi.

An official announcement here named Opango as president of the Military Committee of the Congolese Labour Party, the country's only legal political grouping. He is also president of the Council of Ministers, according to the announcement on Sunday.

The Military Committee was given full powers by the Party's Central Committee after Ngouabi was murdered at his palace in Brazzaville on March 18.

The committee also named two vice-presidents — Major Louis Sylvestre Ngoma, who retains the premiership, and Major Denis Sassou Nguesso, who is the defence portfolio.

The appointment of Nguesso, a northerner of the M'boschi tribe, and Ngoma, a southerner of the Lari tribe, appeared to be part of a council effort to avert an outbreak of tribal warfare in the wake of

Ngouabi's death and the kidnapping four days later, apparently in revenge, of Cardinal Emile Biayenda, Archbishop of Brazzaville. Ngouabi was a M'boschi, and Biayenda was a Lari.

The council said a new cabinet and a "declaration of general policy" would be announced shortly. Ngouabi had intensified the Marxist policies adopted by his deposed predecessor, Alphonse Massamba-Débat, for this impoverished country of 1.3 million people.

Brazzaville retained the calm that has been the rule despite two assassinations, seven executions and a purge of the army over the past two and a half weeks.

Ex-president Massamba-Débat, 56, was executed by a firing squad March 25 after he allegedly confessed plotting the assassination of Ngouabi, who had overthrown him nine years before.

On March 28 an additional six persons went before the firing squad. Four members of Ngouabi's bodyguard, were convicted of conspiring at his murder; and two allegedly took part in the killing of Cardinal Biayenda. (Reuters, UPI)

Buling party ousted in Fiji elections

SUVA, Fiji (AP). — The ruling Alliance Party was ousted after 10 years of power in general elections that ended yesterday, leaving this South Pacific nation with a major political crisis.

The opposition National Federation Party, which is backed by about three-quarters of the country's 280,000 Indians, won 26 of the 52 seats in the House of Representatives. This is not enough to give the party the absolute majority needed to rule.

Fight with rebels cuts roads from Laos capital

VIENTIANE, LAOS (AP). — Soldiers stopped traffic from the north and northeast into the Laotian capital over the weekend following fighting between insurgents and the government, reliable sources said yesterday.

But the sources denied all rumours circulating in neighbouring Thailand that fighting occurred inside the city and that the former King of Laos, Savang Vatthana, was involved.

Castro to tell Soviets about African trip

MOSCOW. — Cuban President Fidel Castro arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leaders about his marathon month-long tour of Africa.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said Castro was on "an unofficial friendly visit at the invitation of the (Soviet) central committee, the president of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet government."

Castro arrived in Moscow only two hours after Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy returned from his own 13-day tour of southern Africa.

It was thought certain Soviet leaders would want to compare notes with Castro, particularly on the talks he had in Ethiopia and subsequently with President Mohammed Siad Barre of Somalia.

Although both Ethiopia and Somalia have strongly left-wing governments proclaiming their ideology to be "scientific socialism," relations between the two are seriously strained over a territorial dispute.

The Cuban president made a semi-secret visit to Somalia after talking with Ethiopian leaders in Addis Ababa, and there was widespread speculation that he had attempted to mediate between the two.

Castro flew to Moscow from East Berlin where he had two days of talks with German Communist leaders.

In East Berlin, the news agency ADN reported that East Germany and Cuba had pledged in a communiqué to devote special attention to diplomatic relations with African states that have a socialist orientation.

The communiqué also expressed East German and Cuban solidarity with "the just battle for liberty of the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (South West Africa) and South Africa." It also expressed support for Ethiopia's revolutionary regime.

As reported by ADN, the communiqué was primarily addressed to relations with Africa by Castro's Cuba and an East Germany headed by party and government chief Erich Honecker. (UPI, Reuters, AP)

Turks hold up transit of Iraqi oil

NICOSIA (AP). — Deliveries of Iraqi crude oil to the Mediterranean via the new trans-Turkey pipeline have been delayed by a price dispute between Iraq and Turkey, the "Middle East Economic Survey" (MEES) reported yesterday.

The dispute concerns the price at which the oil will be made available to Turkey for its own use at the Mediterranean terminal of Dorytol. MEES said.

The Iraqis have offered to sell the Turks crude at between \$13.50 and \$13.55 a barrel, including a 39-cent-per-barrel transit fee.

MEES said "the Turks are apparently holding out for a substantially lower price."

Deliveries through the pipeline were scheduled to start in April. During 1977, Turkey, which has the option to take up to 40 per cent of the crude for its own use, was scheduled to take 120,000-150,000 barrels a day of the 500,000-barrel-a-day capacity.

With the opening of the Kirkuk-Dorytol line delayed and the 1.4m-barrel-a-day pipeline across Syria to the Lebanese port of Tripoli closed a year ago because of a feud with Syria over transit fees, Iraq has been diverting its Kirkuk production to the so-called "strategic pipeline" that carries it south to Basrah on the Persian Gulf.

22 Libyan officers executed for plot against Gaddafi

CAIRO (Reuters). — Twenty-two Libyan army officers have been executed for their part in an alleged plot against Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in 1975, three semi-official Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

The newspapers "Al-Ahram" and "Al-Gomhouriya" carried the report under a Tripoli dateline, while "Al-Akhabar" gave no dateline. The three uncorroborated versions were almost identical.

The newspapers said the men, who were executed last Saturday, were among a group of 33 officers whose death sentences had been confirmed by Gaddafi.

WORLD SCENE

Disarmament talk is illusory

IT WAS ON November 18, 1969, that the first talks began between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to contain nuclear arms. The struggle has been long, with added emphasis provided when President Jimmy Carter said at his inauguration on January 20 that the goal is "the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth."

The immediate target is the signing of the next phase of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, the main aim of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to Moscow late last month. The Soviets said "yes" to the latest American proposals, and Vance will now have to try again at another meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Andrei Gromyko.

The Americans did not expect success in three days of talks, but they hoped for an indication as to whether the Russians would be prepared to move now towards some kind of accord.

The situation is static. The interim accord signed in May 1972 by Soviet leader Brezhnev and President Nixon is in effect until October. Among other limitations, it set a ceiling of 2,400 intercontinental ballistic missiles, long-range bombers and other strategic delivery vehicles, with each side allowed 1,200 missiles with multiple warheads within the overall totals.

A NEW TREATY has ended American and Soviet negotiations as disputes arose, centring on the U.S. low-lying cruise missile the Tomahawk, which is still undergoing tests, and the Soviet Backfire bomber. Both sides insist the other be counted within the ceiling. Carter was prepared for a deal which would ratchet the 2,400-vehicle ceiling, leave out the cruise and Backfire, and start work on the treaty. Alternatively, he was prepared to cut the totals.

Apparently, the latter was offered the Russians by Vance, and what had aroused Gromyko's ire at the press conference. At his televised interview over the weekend Zbigniew Brzezinski mentioned a lowered ceiling of 1,800 to 2,000.

At the Moscow talks, the Soviets were evidently frightened at the prospect of no restrictions on the cruise and Backfire. The Kremlin knows how much the U.S. is interested in the cruise. This drone can be launched from air, sea and land; is virtually impossible to trace as it flies low and follows land contours; can take evasive action and is remarkably accurate. The Russians have yet to match this weapon, which must be giving their defence experts the jitters.

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AT THIS STAGE, the question may well be asked: President Carter can prove more effective than predecessors in arresting the superpower arms race. Thirty-two years after World War II, there are treaties in existence, all aimed at bringing about a kind of disarmament.

But none has had any perceptible effect on red arms. There has been no world war since 1945 millions have died in wars since then and more are dying. Figures from the Institute for Strategic Studies show how the major powers are spending money on arms.

The USSR is rated the biggest spender — \$14.1976, compared to \$9.1b. in 1972; the U.S. is a close runner with \$10.6b. and \$8.4b. China (1974 estimate), \$1.6b.; West Germany, \$12.5b. and \$17.5b.; France, \$10.6b. and \$6.24b.; Britain \$10.5b. and \$4.9b.; Japan, \$9.5b. and \$9.15b. Statistics quoted at the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, Geneva in February say expenditures on global now run to \$300b. annually.

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'Never, never ashamed of being Jewish'

LONDON. — It is hard being a famous and successful film and stage director. The acclaim of millions and the line of Oscars on the mantelpiece are no protection against the critics' barbs. Not if you are John Schlesinger, and have just completed a production of Julius Caesar at the National Theatre with the great John Gielgud in the title role.

The 51-year-old director who has won the best acting performance award for his role in "Marathon Man" (which he has never given from his chair) and Laurence Harvey in "Midnight Cowboy", and Peter Finch and Glenda Jackson ("Sunday, Bloody Sunday"), had been at first nervous and then enthralled by working with Gielgud. There is no false humility about Schlesinger. He is thoroughly professional, and considers himself immensely lucky to have got where he is.

Schlesinger feels rather tired after the long weeks of rehearsals at the National Theatre, where he has been associate director since 1973, working there between films.

His visit to Israel on a private holiday came after years of dreaming about seeing Jerusalem and the bright, harsh light of the Negev once more. His first visit was shortly after the Day War, when he made a documentary with writer Wolf Mankowitz. (It was never shown and is now in an archive.)

Schlesinger recalls in particular his encounter with David Ben-Gurion, first at a prize-giving ceremony at Beersheba University, and then at the Suez Canal. B-G. turned to the two men and cried: "Don't give me your films. Give us your children." The director grins and says: "No one has ever talked like that."

John Schlesinger does not often give interviews, and my introduction was facilitated by a mutual friend. It was impressive to discern his success in retaining his privacy on such an exposed peak, and in preserving his own identity of purpose and his sense of humor.

Back to the critics and the mauling of "Marathon Man". He made it "because I always wanted to do something Jewish." Moreover, it fitted into his concept of fantasy and reality combined. "It's not only a good adventure story, it's my Jewish thriller," he said.

He related with gusto the five long days it took to photograph the scenes in New York's diamond district and his troubles with the local Hasidim. "At first they screamed and covered their faces, so I got extras to dress up in their garb and with earlocks. The funny thing was that they all became friends," he told me.

Schlesinger spoke of the formative influences on his life and of his early meeting with anti-Semitism. "I endured a pogrom at the age of ten. It was at boarding school. I was the only Jewish boy, and they had a 'Let's chase Schlesinger' hunt." The ultra-modern elegance of his Kensington house with its Roman garden and splendid furnishings faded away as he evoked the figure of the terrified ten-year-old hunted through the dark wood near his school. I wondered how much of that trauma was transferred to the frightening race for life in "Marathon Man."

"That experience made me very conscious of being Jewish, and never, never ashamed. Some try to solve their problem by assimilating, but I, in many senses, have never felt totally English."

John Schlesinger recalls the time in World War Two when he applied for an officer's commission and was asked to make a five-minute impromptu speech. "So I spoke about being Jewish. There was dead silence at the end, and of course I failed, and was sent to Singapore."

He now reveals that he cut out a sequence to "Sunday, Bloody Sunday," of a scene in the synagogue where a rabbi is shouted at by a Mosleyite. "I remember that happening when I was 11," he

JOHN SCHLESINGER, the film and stage director, was due in Israel last night on a private visit. Before leaving London, he told MARK SEGAL that he would like to make a film about Israel. The 51-year-old director has accumulated awards for such acclaimed films as "Darling," "Midnight Cowboy," "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" and "Marathon Man."

recalls, explaining "there were too many of my memories in that film." Yes, the director conceded, the film was largely autobiographical. The perfectly portrayed bar-mitzvah scene had been that of a cousin, as was the dreadfully ostentatious celebration afterwards. He chuckled at the memory of the Jewish doctor (Peter Finch) being entangled in a match-making bid by a cousin. They almost had no synagogue for the bar-mitzvah scene. Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits turned down the idea after hearing the plot, but the situation was saved by the more sympathetic Rabbi Louis Jacobs, who allowed them to film in his synagogue.

Schlesinger's upbringing was a muddled one. Part of the family had become devout Christians, while his parents parted ways from the orthodox grandparents by joining the Liberal Synagogue. That synagogue's Rabbi Mattuck played an influential role in John Schlesinger's life, so that today he remains "a very bad member" of the Liberal Synagogue in St. John's Wood. When in London, he always accompanies his parents to the Kol Nidrei service. He fervently believes that his sense of Jewishness has given him the strong sense of community which, on top of hard work, he regards as the main element in film making. "One is father of a group engaged in the collective adventure of film-making. It's the great experience of casting all our talents into the melting pot."

His Jewish identity brought him, when making his contribution to the Munich Olympics film (an English version), to be the only director to include the story of the massacre of the Jews. "Do you know, one of the producers argued with me that 'this incident will be forgotten when the film comes out next year.' Yes, he was a Jew, one of those in the film business who are ashamed and fight it all the time," Schlesinger related with heat.

start making boys' clothes next winter. A LOT MORE than just letters can come out of a typewriter. Secretaries Shlomit Moliho and Yael Erez spent their time between typing letters discussing what they'd really like to do with their professional lives. The result is Snoop — a new Jewish shop for exclusive children's wear.

"We were bored as secretaries. Shlomit always wanted to have a children's clothes shop, and I always wanted to work with people, so we decided to go independent," Yael told me this week, in her bright and sunny shop, opposite the President Hotel.

The shop was once a garage (belonging to Yael's grandmother); now it's decorated with gay applique pictures, with soft toys, and dresses, bags, belts and shirts. Yael admits there's not much on display for boys, and says that although there's been a great flowering of clothes for small girls recently, the market for boys is still much the same as it always was — jeans and T-shirts. But they are looking for a bigger selection.

As far as girls' clothes go, the shop has some of the prettiest I've seen, and both Yael and Shlomit spend a lot of time scouring the country for new and different outfits, although they keep to very small numbers of each item. "We want to be exclusive — but our prices won't frighten anyone," Yael said.

variable, but even "the learned astronomers" have not yet been able to determine which, Pollux, by the way, is about 31 light-years away, Castor is 47. Some stars are as far away from each other as they are from us, but the view from Earth places them in configurations we call constellations.

At Castor's foot, between stars Trejat and Propus, a little to your right, you can see with the naked eye what looks like a tiny cloud. This is the Star Cluster M35, and it is beautiful with binoculars. Propus is also interesting because it was near this star that Sir William Herschel, in 1781, discovered the planet Uranus, using his telescope. Scan the feet of Gemini with the binocs and you will find them standing in one of the densest parts of the Milky Way, so you will see many hundreds of stars in this area, in small configurations and various colours. In a future column we will talk about the Milky Way and the zodiac.

Pollux and Castor have always been called twins, peacocks by the Arabs, two sprouting plants by the Egyptians, and twin deities by the Hindus. In Greek mythology they are the sons of Leda, fathered by Zeus, who appeared to her as a swan. Since Leda was the wife of Tyndareus, Zeus placed them in the heavens.



Sixty-one original etchings by Pablo Picasso from the famous Vollard Suite created between 1930 and 1937 have recently been donated to the Israel Museum by the Meiss-Cohen Gallery of New York (who also have a branch in Savoyon). Four of the finest works in the suite are based on the theme of the Blind Minotaur (see photo).

(Courtesy of the Israel Museum)

CINEMA

'Star is Born' disappoints, but Streisand shines

A Star is Born (Mograbli, Tel Aviv). Directed by Frank Pierson. Starring Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson.

AFTER two years in the planning, Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson bring to the screen a colorful rock version of the old Hollywood classic. The original story, which centred round the motion picture world, was first filmed in 1931, remade in 1937 with Frederic March and Janet Gaynor, and again in 1954 with James Mason and show-stopping Judy Garland, with whom it became more or less synonymous.

Now director Frank Pierson has created a rather thin love story of two pop superstars, one on the way down and the other rising.

The film opens into the spinning lights and hysteria of a rock concert. Pop idol John Norman Howard, with the assistance of drugs and alcohol, shamelessly destroys his own career, somersaulting headlong into his audience from a motorcycle he can't handle, and leaving behind him a trail of troubles and debts.

However, stumbling into a night club one evening, he is attracted to the talent and vitality of singer Esther Hoffman. Not entirely ruined and drawing from his still rich talent he opens for her every door to the

top, where she arrives, somewhat amazed, a truly sizzling and captivating star.

They marry and get along famously, moving between their isolated ranch house, a "million dollar" town mansion and the flashing lights.

The story itself is entirely unconvincing — right to its tearful end. Certainly it lacks the power and magic of the earlier Garland version. The screenplay by Joan Didion, John Gregory Dunne and Pierson is unimpressive, with Streisand claiming the few best lines.

Kris Kristofferson, as John Howard, is pleasantly forgettable and Streisand, at first glance anyway, looks rather bright with a sort of Afro hair cut. But, fortunately, she is one of those strange talents that grows on you. There is perhaps a reminder here of the younger Shirley Bassey: the desperation, the marvellous voice range, the sudden harshness and at times vulgarity.

This is a Streisand film all the way. She is great, whether in love or tears, or overcome with embarrassment and wonder. She sings a handful of good songs magnificently. One of them, "Evergreen," has just won her an Oscar.

D.K.

Political fashion calls for a plain folks image

By GWYNNE DYER / Special to The Jerusalem Post

COULD IT BE that national leaders are getting nicer? In the U.S., admittedly, the anguished Presidency of Lyndon Johnson and the grubby furtiveness of the Nixon Presidency are hard acts to follow when it comes to being not-nice. But Jimmy Carter is hardly satisfied simply to look good by contrast.

No American citizen can really count himself safe these days from a lightning assault by the "Jus Plain Folks" brigade, with Carter leading the raid. Turn on the television, and there he is walking down Pennsylvania Avenue to his inauguration, just like us ordinary people do.

Pick up the phone, and you can pour out all your little fears and troubles just like on any other radio phone-in programme, while the President of the Common People dispenses advice, absolution, and folk wisdom on a nationwide hook-up.

Even beer salesmen living quietly in darkest Massachusetts are not immune: the President may announce that he is coming to the Town Meeting and ask if he can sleep in your spare bedroom. After all, apart from national television coverage and around 300 reporters, secret servicemen and other dependents following him around, he's just like everybody else.

BLAME where blame is due. It was France's President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing who originated this particular ploy of visiting his fellow-citizens at home for dinner a couple of years ago — though he didn't stay the night. With his sort of aristocratic name and background, of course, he needed as much publicity about his common touch as he could get.

Trudeau brouhaha

In Canada: Prime Minister Trudeau has been practicing his own unbuttoned way with the public for ages. During the recent hilarity when the minions of the media were frothing at the mouth about his wife reportedly absconding with one of the Rolling Stones, Trudeau cheerfully told them, and anyone who cared to believe them, to go and consult a taxidermist. He then delicately inserted his finger in his ear and rotated his hand.

A decade or two ago, all this would have been astonishing. The predominant style then was of austere President Charles de Gaulle, only one step removed in manner from a God-King, of Prime Minister Harold

Macmillan, suave, competent and distant, of President John Kennedy and his glittering court of celebrities.

What has wrought the transformation, of course, is television.

TELEVISION not only fosters a false sense of intimacy with the viewer, but it is particularly unkind to the grand manner. In Marshall McLuhan's "global village," it is only natural that political style should begin to revert to that of village politics. As campaign tactics began to prove in the early 60's, it pays off to be humble, transparently open and sincere, whether you mean it or not.

That is not to say that no politician means it. What it means is that the new style imposes itself on almost all successful politicians whatever their personality is really like, just as much as the old style used to.

Lyndon Johnson, for example, was a man of humble origins and genuinely populist instincts. He was so unconscious of dignity that he could spontaneously display his appendix scar to the multitudes, but he ran an imperial presidency.

Franklin Roosevelt, a man of vastly different origins, was one of the first to see the possibility of a new approach in his famous "fireside chats" on the radio. But he was ahead of his time, and the technology was not advanced enough to make that style a winner on its own.

Approachability

Now, however, the desirable image has changed. The impression of competence and confidence must still be put across, but not at the expense of approachability. So men whose natural instincts incline them to informality anyway, like Trudeau, can just be themselves, and men like Giscard d'Estaing have to work very hard at it.

Carter falls somewhere between the two, while Britain's Callaghan, ironically the only leader of a big western nation of genuinely humble origins at the moment, does the best he can. And it all doesn't mean a thing.

The style of leadership might once have said something about the personality and policy of leaders, but that is getting less true all the time. If we are going to sell our politicians like detergents, then the successful ones will learn to look like boxes of detergent are supposed to.

THROUGH THE LOOKING

GLASS / Joanna Yehiel

All for girls



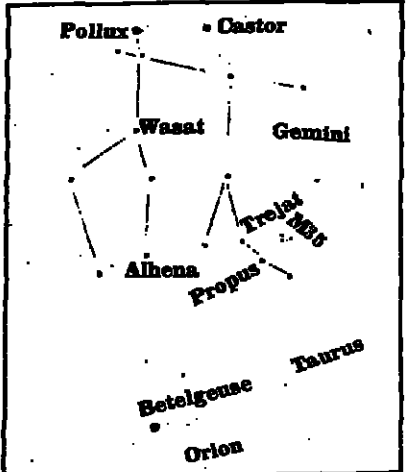
Estee originals

trating on the seven to 14 age group — "that's what people want" — although she also makes a range for girls of two to six. "And we may

STAR-GAZING

Dr. Nat Pulver

The twins



with us anyway, as there is plenty to see with the naked eye). Several hundred years ago, Castor was brighter than Pollux, the northern head star, but now the reverse is true. What happened? Apparently, one of these stars is

Jerusalem 31 45' N. Latitude
Said 32 57' N. Latitude

Gemini, a figure high. Passing in the Pessah sky. Lit by Pollux and Castor. the Twins.

Put there by Zeus to atone for his sins.

THIS MONTH we find the constellation Gemini, using the constellation Orion once more as a landmark. Go out at about 10 p.m. (or 11 p.m. Summer Time) and look West, about one fist above the horizon. (I try to avoid direct overhead watching to save neck-stretching.) Find the red star, Betelgeuse in Orion's right shoulder. Three fists above Betelgeuse are the twin stars Pollux and Castor, the heads of the constellation Gemini.

Gemini consists of two parallel rows of stars, the northern one extends in the direction of Taurus, the Bull, while the southern one points directly to Betelgeuse. Castor, the southern head star, is the largest of the double stars, it has three sets of double stars, seen with binoculars. (If you want to multiply your enjoyment of the heavens, you are just going to have to beg, borrow, or... a pair of six or seven-power glasses. If you can't, please stay

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The flavour is in with Yakhin

MANOF centre in Nahariya offers dropouts a wholesome life

A place in the sun

By EVELYN STROUSE /
Special to The Jerusalem Post

government is not a matter of simply giving an order. Everyone is for the first time in his life eating wholesome food at regular intervals; for the first time in his life conversing at mealtimes with his peers and his elders; and for the first time in his life discharging a position of trust and responsibility.

How has it been possible to turn the chaos of their lives into order? Everybody concerned with the project gives first laurels to the director, Yacov Ochayon. A 32-year-old Moroccan-born Israeli, raised in a town near the Lebanese border, where his parents still live, he spent 11 years in the army and was a major when he moved to the job at MANOF. He is attractive, unassuming, responsive — and was chosen unanimously over several scores of stiffly-competing applicants, in spite of their advanced degrees and experience in education.

Chaim Adler, head of the NCJW Institute, says that the selection committee narrowed the field to four and set them to role-playing; Ochayon's sensitive appraisal and thoughtful handling of the problems devised made him the unequivocal victor. He is married and has two children, as do several other staff members; staff families are frequent and welcome visitors, but visitors they remain.

Yacov Ochayon has set the tone. His natural courtesy and sense of the fitness of things are reflected in his staff, so that each person who deals with the boys, from the head counsellor to the guard, has established himself as a respected friend. Considering the distrust with which the boys had eyed most adults, this is an achievement of a pretty high order.

THE BOYS are given a week after they arrive to settle in. Yacov says that in contrast to last year, this

year's group actively wanted to join, suggesting that they perhaps also wanted to succeed. But settling in does not mean smoking cigarettes and kicking a soccer ball around to get the feel of things. It means tasks from the moment of arrival, unlikely ones, unexpected.

One boy at each table at each meal is asked to see that the dishes are scraped, stacked, and taken to the kitchen. Three or four are asked to serve and three or four others to help with the washing-up. This of boys who had always grabbed something from the fridge, or stayed at table just long enough to fill their bellies and go their way. At the beginning they often forget to clear away and an occasional one stoutly refuses, but before the first week is over they act as though they've been clearing tables all their lives.

In that first week they are introduced to regular classroom work as well as to their vocational electives. A general meeting is held daily to discuss scheduling, organization, and committee responsibilities.

They discover that they govern themselves, town-meeting fashion. There is a food committee, a cultural committee, which receives IL400 a week for programme expenses, a sports committee, a discipline committee, and a judicial board. Although the boys decide on the necessity for and nature of punishment, they frequently seek staff guidance. After the first several days of acquaintance and assessment are over, committee heads are elected and the full programme is launched.

It is demanding. Up at 6:30, make the bed and straighten the room, breakfast at 7, study from 7:45 until 10:30, resume at 11, lunch at 1. The afternoon is almost as crowded, with classes from 2:30 until 5:30, a 15-minute break and from 5:30 until 7:30 very small groups variously involved in music, art, drama, English, and crafts, all under the heading of cultural enrichment. After dinner there are the somewhat more relaxed activities of singing, dancing (new to most of the boys), group discussion, and general meetings.

One evening a week movies are shown and one evening a week is spent in town. The boys sometimes take out the local girls, testimony to good behaviour on the boys' part and cooperation on the part of Nahariya residents. Lights are out at 11:30.

SO BARE an outline gives no hint of the transformation in the boys. They come to the residence with little more than the clothes they stand up in, penniless and ill-at-ease. Rarely do their parents visit them — last year not more than one or two turned up — and even the street-workers who recommend them hold out small hope of success.

Yacov tells about the boy in last year's group who was so threatening to the others that he was asked to leave. But he pleaded for a second chance — fundamentally he wanted to be at MANOF and not at home — was reinstated, and struggled to change his habits and his attitude. So well did he succeed, this once-violent boy, that he is now on a misalliance boat.

Yacov tells the story proudly, and adds another about a 17-year-old who became a committee head and discharged his duties so efficiently that when his street-worker came to visit he could only shake his head and murmur, "Impossible."

But Yacov and his staff are artisans of the possible and have transmitted their faith to at least one boy, who is now studying to be a counsellor, with a view to returning to the centre or his own village. Although the auguries are good, they are not, after only a year and a half, to be equated with scientific prediction. Last year's group is functioning well, because unusual effort has been put into finding the most suitable milieu — work, school, or army — for each boy, and into encouraging him all along the way. This year's group has yet to be launched, but the winds look fair.

It is a pleasure to eat with the boys, who want to know about you and your life and who tell you about theirs, and whose careful table manners say more than their words. It is instructive to see them in their classrooms, and especially to be shown the work of their hands. And it is best of all to be told, when lunch is over on Friday, that they are sorry not to be able to spend more time with you but they have to play soccer against Nahariya High School.

ON A QUIET street in Nahariya, a kilometre or less from the sea, you can sometimes watch a couple of dozen boys playing soccer. Very good soccer, too, marked by the instant reflexes and tricky footwork of the expert. Jiggling impatiently along the side, a dozen more boys wait their turn.

They are of an age, big and small, manly and childish though they variously appear; all seem long out of the nursery and yet uncertain in the town. In fact, they are between 16 and 18 and are members of an experiment called MANOF, Hebrew for crane (the kind that lifts up, not the kind that flies) and acronym for Mercat Leno'ar Pnimiti (residential youth centre).

But you would have to be lucky to catch them, because their working schedule is very tight and only for an hour or so after lunch and again in the late afternoon have they time for serious sport. The rest of the day and most evenings are spent in the two houses where they live, work, and legislate their lives.

The houses are opposite each other on the street where you watched them play ball, and before the advent of the boys they were small pensions, pretty, freshly-painted, banked with roses, chrysanthemums, and daisies, shaded by poinsettias and a huge rubber tree. Inside the larger are most of the classrooms and bedrooms, the library, an office or two, and the big kitchen and bigger dining-recreation room, one of its walls all glass.

The main business of the other house is photography; almost the entire ground floor is devoted to equipment, developing and display. Many of the pictures have been taken with a camera obscure, which the boys make themselves.

Photography, electronics, and architectural drawing are the three vocational electives the boys are offered; having chosen, they spend 18 hours a week at them. Their academic programme includes Hebrew, mathematics, a bit of English, a bit of history. Attendance is always voluntary. Whether they suffer these tools gladly is uncertain, but cut classes they usually do not and progress they do.

IT MUST BE pointed out that these boys are school dropouts, that half of them are memorialized on police

blotters, and that all of them come from overcrowded, underinvolved homes. They are the kind of boys, in short, whom the army rejects and whose last resource of socialization and training is thus denied them. Which is not to say that they would have made it in the army or even have wanted to be there. They simply would not have been given the chance.

MANOF has changed all that. This is the second year of an imaginative, highly organized experiment in rehabilitation of boys who had experienced nothing positive, at least in society's view. It is a joint project of an American organization, the National Council of Jewish Women's (NCJW) Research Institute for Innovation in Education and the Education Ministry's Youth Bureau, headed by Michael Gal.

Financed in large part by the Rothschild Foundation, with follow-up and research carried out by NCJW and funded by the Youth Bureau, it accepts 36 boys who spend nine months under the guidance of a teaching and domestic staff of about 20. The boys, mostly from northern towns, are recommended by youth group leaders and street-workers and are sick of lives that led — they are beginning to learn — to a dead-end.

They arrive at the centre in October, remain until the following March, spend from April until June on a kibbutz, and then, under sensitive supervision, enter vocational school or the army, or take apprenticeship jobs. It is significant that, rather than go home, the first-year pilot group chose to return to the centre in the interval between leaving the kibbutz and starting to work or study. It is always open to them, even after they have, theoretically, left, just as the staff is always open to their problems and mindful of pitfalls.

TO TAKE 36 boys literally off the street and set them down in a large, pleasant house where they eat three meals a day, sleep in comfortable beds, and adhere to a packed schedule of study, special training, organized recreation, and self-

Gamble on an old film

Public says 'yes' to 'To Be or Not to Be'

By JACK LEON / Jerusalem Post Reporter

tributing it here through Forum Film Ltd.

In Chissick's opinion "To Be" is "one of the most compact and slick comedies ever made, with brilliant acting and dialogue and the added bonus of real suspense. And, of course, it has the famous 'Lubitsch touch', which can best be defined as a sparkling combination of wit and irony."

"When the production opened at the Gat last July, most people knew nothing about it and it is clear that the amazing success which followed was based largely on word of mouth. But the reason for the success cannot be explained. Certainly, as far as releases are concerned, this is a flash in the pan which is extremely unlikely ever to be repeated in Israel, while in fact it has caused quite a sensation in the world cinema trade."

Chissick feels "the case of 'To Be' epitomizes the whole movie business. It is really like roulette, and, although experience and intuition do obviously give the distributor a certain advantage, in the last analysis one simply cannot generalize about the taste of audiences."

He was particularly impressed by the picture's popularity among

young people — very few of whom could ever have heard of Carole Lombard or Jack Benny before. Many of them came to see it two or even three times. The film will be screened all over the country within the next few weeks.

Chissick recalls that when "The Great Dictator" was re-issued here a few years ago, Chaplin's superb satire on Nazi Germany ran for only one month in Tel Aviv. And even such local box-office hits of the past decade as "The Godfather," "The Sting," "Last Tango in Paris," "Jaws," and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" all had considerably shorter runs in the city than the release of "To Be."

Its success in Tel Aviv was all the more unexpected in view of the continuous decline in cinema attendances in Israel — which, prior to television, were per capita one of the highest in the world. But Chissick states bluntly that "theatre-owners are in many cases contributing to their own downfall by the very inadequate services they provide for their audiences. They seem to have forgotten that they now have strong competition from both local and Jordanian TV, which people can watch in the comfort of their homes."

Among Chissick's future plans are



Man who took a chance: Louis Chissick

bringing over several more classic film comedies, and using the profits from "To Be" finally to realize an old dream of his. It is to produce a film here based on his own outline, which will be a human story featuring Arabs and Jews in this country, with the dialogue a mixture of Hebrew and Arabic.

In the meantime, in co-operation with his longtime friend Julian Meltzer, he is preparing an unusual autobiography on his lifetime of experiences in the field of film distribution and cinema management. The much-travelled Chissick has a vast knowledge of the subject, not only in Israel, but on the world scene. Over the years, he has met many of the cinema "greats," and he believes that his book will be "both revealing and amusing."

Seder in an internment camp

Operation Wine

By WALTER NUSSBAUM /
Special to The Jerusalem Post

ALTHOUGH I had been brought up in a traditional Jewish home, it was in an internment camp in Canada that I first encountered side-locked Hassidim.

We were a motley group of refugees from Nazi Germany who had first been interned in England and then shipped to Canada as Prisoners of War, Second Class, in August 1940. There were professors and lawyers among us, bankers and simple folk, old men and boys, Protestant and Catholic clergymen, a handful of veterans of the Spanish Civil War — including a general — Labour Zionists and General Zionists, Hassidim with long peyot and a few hard-core Communists.

The Orthodox Jews were housed together in Barrack No. 2. The Canadians who guarded us mostly first World War soldiers, treated us very correctly. But they could not understand why we refused to work on Saturdays or to eat the meat they provided us, and which we bartered for rice and flour. However, when we managed to make them understand our peculiarities they let us have a separate kitchen. After some time, a representative of the Canadian Jewish community came to visit us and as a result we later had kosher meat.

Time passed. The ice-cold winter hit us. Most of us thought only of our daily tasks — chopping wood and making camouflage nets. But the rabbis among us, and there were quite a few of them, were already thinking ahead to the coming Pessah. We had been promised that we would receive meat. But the authorities flatly refused to allow us even a few bottles of wine for the "four glasses." The rabbis found a way however, and "Operation Wine" was the most exciting experience of my two and a half years in internment.

The order went out to collect empty bottles. We youngsters who cleaned the guards' barracks collected their empty beer bottles and smuggled them through the heavily guarded

gate into the camp. There they were thoroughly washed and rinsed and handed over to a man who had been a wine-bottler in Austria.

The quartermaster of our kosher kitchen had begun some months before to collect raisins and sugar, and the wine was made.

But where were we going to store the bottles? There were daily inspection tours by a zealous medical officer. Eventually, however, we found what pre-State Israelis would call a "shtetl," a hiding place, between the ceiling and the roof.

As Pessah approached, the mixture of raisins, sugar and water began to ferment. The smell became noticeable and the medical officer began to complain about the odour in Barrack No. Two. He suspected hoarded food, but he never found the bottles of wine.

And so, in the spring of 1941, a Seder was held in the deep woods of the virgin forests of New Brunswick, and strictly Kosher le-Pessah wine was served.

The commandant of our camp heard us singing at the First Seder and asked to be present at the Second Seder. He was made welcome and partook with us of the Pessah wine made under his very nose in the camp he commanded.

I shall never forget that Seder

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Tuesday, April 6, 1977
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Bernstein: Symphony No. 2, "Kaddish"
Conductor: Leonard Bernstein. Violin: Menahem Breuer;
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Bernstein's triumphs ... and his failures

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Lukas Foss, conducting; Ruth Mense, piano (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, March 29). Two Meditations from "Mass"; "The Age of Anxiety," Symphony No. 3 for piano and orchestra; "Symphonic Dances from 'West Side Story'"; "Symphonic Suite from the film 'On the Waterfront'."

THIS IS the first time that a living composer has been honoured with a whole festival dedicated to his music, and Leonard Bernstein has thus been paid unprecedented homage.

Bernstein is one of the most compelling musical personalities of our time, a marvellous conductor, a fine pianist, a major musical educator who has brought the joy of music to millions, a gifted and witty composer. However, the importance and weight of many of his compositions remain a matter of dispute and this opening evening did not help up to disperse our doubts.

When Bernstein deals with the American urban scene, specifically New York, he speaks with a powerful, personal voice which lifts the "musical theatre" and its associated forms to unprecedented heights. Thus "West Side Story" is a masterpiece of his most powerful works. Despite its marked eclecticism, it speaks a language all its own and creates an unmistakable American genre of colour, atmosphere, social dynamics and dialects. Musically speaking, the work contains marvels of rhythmic, harmonic and instrumental inven-

tion. Even the Symphonic Suite "On the Waterfront," despite its many banalities, is highly effective and often exciting.

However, when Bernstein tries to be intellectually sophisticated, or philosophical, or when he uses musical symbols "translating" or depicting ideas or literary content, as in "The Age of Anxiety," he falls painfully. His lengthy explanations (there seems to be a striking affinity to Mahler) and the music itself create unbridgeable gaps. The music of "The Age" does not even hint at the shattering reality of Auden's lines. We had the same experience when we listened to his "Dybbuk" Suite last year.

Performances were adequate but not brilliant (as they should have been) and the syncretized rhythms with which "The Age" and the two last pieces abound, did not stand out with sufficient clarity, accuracy or vigour. Foss was highly impressive in the lyrical passages and in those in which Bernstein has an untarnished follower of romanticism (Mahler) but many other sections sounded laboured.

Ruth Mense gave an excellent account of the piano part of "The Age." She never forgot that the piece was not a concerto in the usual sense and the solo part was but one of its components. Her performance was exact, musically correct and well balanced in sound.

BENJAMIN BAR-AN

The music wasn't Japanese

JAPANESE MUSIC — Kazuo Noma, classical dance; Chika Grossmeyer, soprano; Wendy Elster, flute; Sarah Furukawa, piano; Avraham Melamed, violin; Evi Harari, cello (Zion Music Centre, Tel Aviv, March 28). Yoshida: "Three Pieces for Flute Solo"; Nishikawa (classical dance); "Flower Viewing Dance"; Jitsui Hiraoka: "Movements for Piano"; Mitoku Katsuragi: "Poems of the Sea"; Toriyaki Noda: "Three Little Birds"; Fukushima: "Music for Flute Solo"; Film: Introduction to Traditional Japanese Music. Produced by Uri Appelfeld.

ONLY THE DANCE (with taped music) and the film were genuine examples of how we expected Japanese music to sound. The rest was composed by people born between the two World Wars (one even in 1947), and their music bears traces and influences of many varied streams of Western music, including Faure, Musorgsky, Brahms and more contemporary trends. The only common denominator was the

nationality of the composers, as there was no reminder (to my ear, anyway) of traditional Japanese music.

The cello pieces explored wide vistas of sound and texture and the same could be said about the piano pieces, which could have been written by a composer of any national identity. Since this phenomenon is found in every culture nowadays, the comment should not be construed as criticism. One might have expected the songs, which Miss Grossmeyer sang in Japanese, to have shown a closer link with their traditional background because of the words. But, strangely enough, it was here that Faure and Musorgsky made themselves felt. With these reservations, the flute solo and the piano trio made interesting listening.

YORHAN BOHEM

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Natad zooms to IL11.17

TEL AVIV. — The Natad investment yesterday zoomed to IL11.17, an all-time high. The 12-20 advance came as a result of a sharp rise in the price of the shares, which were traded at 257.5, a recent recovery high.

The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.68 per cent to stand at 121.79. Elite continued its winning ways of last week. The shares were 22 ahead to 414. Frutarom joined the list of shares traded on a "buyers only" basis and saw its price marked at 121.79.

Investment company issues were steady. Pryon managed a goodly gain of 20 to stand at 840.

All signs point to a continuation of demand for shares. Last week exhibited some marked fluctuations, as only 86 shares advanced, with 101 declining. Nevertheless, at the end of the week the market acted very strongly. The demand for shares spilled over into yesterday's session and once the Bank Leumi flotation is placed, there will be large sums of money available for other investment. Security analysts expect that a portion of these funds will find their way into the equities market.

The action of the Natad investment action again points to renewed vigor of a major devaluation in late May or early June. At IL11.17 the Natad dollar is trading at a premium of over 30 per cent above the legal rate of exchange.

Most active issues

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| IDB (pref. + opt. no. 3) | 122.10 | IL1,757,100 |
| Bank Leumi 202.5n.c. | IL1,069,700 | |
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| Shares traded: | 12,300,000 | |
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| Demand: | \$411,000 | |
| Turnover: | \$138,000 | |

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| Mohadrin | r | 644 | 555 |
| L.C.P. Citrus | r | 429.5 | 423 |
| Natad | r | 326.5 | 322 |
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| Chem. & Phosphates | r | 228 | 228 |
| Levin Epstein | r | 217 | 206 |
| Moller Textile | r | 247.5 | 239.5 |
| Paper Mills | r | 227.5 | 245 |
| Asia - 3.5 | r | 224.5 | 222 |
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| Elite | r | 414 | 392 |
| Shemen - 8% pref. | r | 273 | 280 |
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| Par | r | 689 | 688 |
| Wolfson - IL10 | r | 188 | 188 |
| Ampa | r | 190 | 190 |
| Discount | r | 225 | 225 |
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STREET

Market loses ground

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market lost ground yesterday, giving the ground it gained in a rally. Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up 8.22 on Friday, dropped back more than 10 points an hour before the close, opened up a five-to-three lead among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues. Trading was heavy.

Non-Purchasing Management survey that found an upsurge in prices of U.S. industrial raw materials last month had underscored Wall Street's concern over the inflation outlook. Brokers also noted that the market's rally on Friday had failed to stir up much enthusiasm because it came on light trading volume. Stock prices were not available last night because of a computer breakdown.

LAND REGISTRY offices will be functioning normally as from Thursday, the Justice Ministry announced yesterday. The public is asked to delay registrations for as long as possible to enable the offices to catch up on the backlog.

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Standing up to the Arab boycott

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The British branch of the well known international public relations firm of Ogilvy, Benson & Mather has affirmed that it will not submit to the Arab boycott, that it would "adhere rigidly to an apolitical conduct of its operations and that in its associate agency relationships political or nationalistic considerations would not be taken into account."

Weekly German charter flights in April

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The German Neckermann travel company, Europe's largest, will inaugurate weekly charter flights to Israel on April 19. Mrs. F. Luft, director of the Daka Travel company, the Neckermann agents here, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The flights, to be operated by the Condor Company, a subsidiary of Lufthansa, will be in Boeing 727 planes which will arrive every Saturday night with 128 tourists. The

visitors will spend an average two and a half weeks in the country. Mrs. Luft said that for the moment the flights are planned until November 12, with 2,000 reservations already booked to hotels all over the country. Discussion on the extension of the flights through the winter are going on.

Until now Neckermann has been flying in small groups of tourists on regular Lufthansa flights. The charter flights will greatly expand the firm's tourist activities here. Neckermann also brings here large numbers of tourists by sea.

Taken back by this change of attitude, a Bing-Linial executive brought Hook's letter to the attention of the chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Louis Goodman (who is a director of Marks and Spencer).

The enquiry brought from Ogilvy, Benson & Mather vice-president A.E. Pitcher an unequivocal statement that his firm's international policy was not swayed by the Arab boycott. He termed Hook's letter "a stupid mis-statement."

Meat exports to the U.S. approved

By ABYE ALCALAY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli abattoirs will soon begin exporting poultry and meat products to the U.S., The Jerusalem Post was told by officials in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry yesterday. These meat exports have recently been approved by the U.S. authorities with respect to quality and hygienic standards. An American delegation has just carried out a comprehensive survey of our meat product plants and our distribution system. As a result of that survey, 14 Israeli abattoirs have been authorized to market their products in the U.S.

Meat producers here believe that this approval will open up considerable markets for kosher meat products in the U.S.

New steel casting system at Koor City

Koor's Steel Town in Acre has just finished converting its steel casting system to the second electric arc furnace, thus concluding a large-scale conversion project begun in 1973, with an investment of IL10m.

According to Koor's monthly bulletin, the two new furnaces, the first of which was put into operation in 1974 and the second at the end of 1976, replace the older, fuel-fired Siemens-Martin furnaces.

The new system permits the latest advances in steel casting, including continuous casting, which saves on the intermediate steps of shaping the steel ingots into their final form.

Stock Exchange news

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Otzar Hashilton Hamekomi has published a prospectus for a 1:1 rights issue at 115 per cent. The IL4m. expected to be realized from the issue will be used to increase loans to municipalities and local authorities.

The State of Israel is the largest shareholder in the company, with 21.1 per cent of the equity. The three major commercial banks hold about 10 per cent, while the balance is in the hands of the public.

In the period ending December 1976, Otzar Shilton Hamekomi reported earnings of IL8m.

Electra (Israel) Ltd., a member of the Clal group, has issued its annual report. It shows a growth in net assets of 40 per cent, to IL87.8m. Net after-tax earnings were 62 per cent higher, at IL6.7m. A gross cash dividend of 20 per cent is being recommended by the board of directors.

The company, a major supplier of air conditioning equipment and elevators, announced that its order book now shows a backlog of two years. As Westinghouse's Israel representative, Electra could become a major beneficiary if the American supplier wins a tender for the two nuclear reactors for the envisaged power plants.

Wolfson-Clore-Mayer Corp. announced the sale of the Migdal Hotel in the Shalom Tower building. The buyers, the First International Bank of Israel, intend to turn the premises of the defunct hotel into office space.

and will charge the canners 84 per cent more than last year's average price of IL5.08 per kg. The rise has been approved by the government.

The government also promised not to issue fish import licenses for any cannery that does not buy local catches, Schmiede said. This was sufficient reassurance for the men to go ahead with their work.

He noted that from the initial signs the fishermen believe that this season will be a good one.

Meanwhile the Agriculture Ministry has approved the construction of five new shrimp trawlers for the fishermen. Tenders were issued and local yards offered to build the 30-ton craft for a total of over IL2 million, with a two-year delivery time.

An American yard has offered to build the boats in three months, for IL2.6 million. The American offer will be accepted, Schmiede said. Since the boats will be employed principally on shrimp for export, the Ministry will arrange financing from export development funds.

Telephone, telex rates up 5.8 per cent

Rates of international telephone calls and telex messages will go up by 5.8 per cent, according to a resolution of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The raise is intended to bring the rates in line with the last three mini-devaluations.

Tax suspect out on bail

TEL AVIV (Him). — The owner of a dry-goods shop in Bnei Brak and a flower shop in Petah Tikva was released on bail yesterday after he was arrested on suspicion that he evaded income tax of IL400,000.

Menahem Burstein of Petah Tikva was released on IL100,000 bail by a Tel Aviv magistrate after a tax official said his release would not impede further investigation.

IN THE SUPREME COURT

SITTING AS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Before Justices Shamgar, Shereshevsky and Asher. Batya Charney, Appellant, v. Meir Modet & Others, Respondents (C.A.72/76)

Recognition as a statutory tenant upon his death, in the case of a tenant's children or other relatives there is an additional demand: that they have no other place of residence. In other words, he continued, the children, or other relatives, of a deceased tenant must prove that in addition to the fact that they had lived with the deceased for six months, they have no other, alternative dwelling in which they have permanent rights.

In the particular case under consideration, Justice Shamgar went on to hold, the appellant had failed to prove that she had no permanent, alternative dwelling and that she was justified in claiming the protection of the tenants' laws whose aim is to provide assistance to those who are in danger of having no roof over their heads and not to help those who have the choice of alternative dwellings. For, he explained, her residence in her uncle's apartment had not severed her links with her home in Rehovot and she had failed

to satisfy the court that her status in the Rehovot apartment had changed completely. The appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

JUSTICE SHERESHEVSKY In concurring, Justice Shereshevsky noted that the appellant's "home" remained her parents' apartment in Rehovot and nothing prevented her from living there instead of in the deceased's apartment — which meant, in terms of section 20 of the Tenants Protection Law that she had another residence. Nor was her status as a licensee in her parents' apartment any different, from a legal point of view, from that of her status in her uncle's apartment during his lifetime. It was therefore irrelevant that she was not a protected tenant in her parents' apartment, for purposes of deciding that she had another residence at the time of her uncle's death.

(To be continued)

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A question of health

IN THE METAMORPHOSIS through which Israeli politics is passing, it has so far commendably resisted the excesses of publicity which some other democratic systems accord to the personal lives of political leaders and their families. Israel's traditional insistence on respecting the privacy of its politicians is a principle worth maintaining.

But there are and should be exceptions to all admirable principles. An example of the need for such exception has arisen in connection with the hospitalization of Likud leader Menachem Begin. Mr. Begin was hospitalized more than two weeks ago for what was variously reported as "fatigue" or "constriction of the blood vessels around the heart." He is expected to remain in hospital for another week or more.

The media, in keeping with accepted norms of behaviour, have treated the subject with great reticence. Yet Mr. Begin is not a private person. He is a serious candidate for Prime Minister at a time of critical challenges to Israel's external and domestic welfare.

If his medical outlook is such that he would not be able to serve even for only a period of time, were his party to win the elections, the public should be told. If the fears are unwarranted, a statement to that effect would also be in order.

The Likud may be understandably reluctant to claim credit for so revolutionary an innovation in its political style. But the Likud should be aware that in a country as small and as intimate as Israel, rumours that sweep over the populace are often worse than the unvarnished truth.

Mr. Begin, as a political leader of unquestioned stature, certainly appreciates that a central point of the present electoral campaign is the need to restore credibility to politics and government. There is thus place to hope that Mr. Begin himself will insist that his physicians issue an authoritative and plainly intelligible statement on his state of health.

Low-brow politics

ELECTORAL reform toward constituency elections, in which voters choose individuals and not party lists, has not yet been adopted in Israel. But judging from the initial results of the limited democratisation that has characterized the way our political parties this year are selecting their Knesset lists, one unfortunate side-effect of reform is already visible—namely that professional qualifications or an incumbent MK's record will receive low priority from voters and party nominating bodies.

Two examples stand out. It is already evident that the parties have chosen few candidates with a legal background. This is certain to have a detrimental effect on the legislative activity of the next Knesset.

A second example is the relegation by the Liberal wing of the Likud of Yosef Tamir. Perhaps not a brilliant orator or vote-getter, Tamir has established himself as the leading parliamentarian in the area of ecology. His dogged perseverance in the cause of ecological sanity during his three terms in the Knesset has been so marked that MK's from other parties are said to have appealed to his own party to reinstate him in a "safe" place on the Likud list.

Environmental quality may not yet be the sort of dramatic issue that can be guaranteed to shift votes from one party to another. But any party should feel proud to have on its list a few legislators, like Tamir, who have dedicated themselves to this subject.

ISRAEL PRESS

Sadat in Washington

HA'ARETZ (Independent), discussing the current visit to Washington by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, notes that the Egyptian leader "did not let up from the Palestinian issue" during his visit to Paris and Bonn, "and it is to be assumed that in Washington, he will present himself as the Palestinians' patron."

In addition, the paper expects, President Sadat will seek to obtain American military and financial aid, will present Egypt as a factor interested in tightening relations with the West in general and the U.S. in particular, and "will portray satisfaction of Egypt's demands as being the key to resolving the Middle East question." In conclusion, the paper avers that President Sadat, like Premier Rabin, "will have to be satisfied with qualified and not-final answers from the U.S. President," as Mr. Carter will want to hear the views of the other Arab leaders before arriving at a definitive American policy. "But the course of the talks, and the nature of the relations that will be formed between the American President and Anwar Sadat in the coming days, will likely have a not inconsiderable effect on the formation of that policy."

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Open roads to peace

Practical collaboration between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states in jointly developing and integrating their transportation

systems could help hasten the advent of formal peace, argues Transport Minister GAD YA'ACOB.

THE BRIDGES on the Jordan were not closed after the Six Day War. They still serve as a crossing point between the West Bank and the Hashemite Kingdom for people and goods. The Suez Canal has been open since October 1975 to cargoes en route to and from Israel ports. The route to and from Israel ports, the villages of Southern Lebanon—out off from essential services by the distress of civil war in their own country—are coming to the "good fence" to work, to trade and to receive medical treatment in Israel.

It appears that despite the intransigence that underlies the Arabs' reluctance to reconcile themselves to the existence of Israel, and to make peace with her, there are signs that neighbouring bonds of cooperation are being developed in areas of mutual interest. The administrative and economic integration of Judea and Samaria into Israel is also not the result of military coercion alone. Indeed it represents the revival of traditional ways of life that for 19 years were held in check behind closed borders and barbed wire.

Israel is located at the centre of the Arab world, and at the crossroads of three continents—between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, and between the world's largest reservoir of petroleum and their principal consumers. Israel is a nation of advanced technology, skilled manpower, considerable talent in management and unquestioned ability in academic research and planning. The combination of geographic location and human resources could, given peace, make of Israel an economic and transportation centre for the entire region.

But the advent of peace is held up by preconceived fears and psychological blocks, tainted with political interests, that will only vanish with the passing of time. Nevertheless, it is possible to draw encouragement from budding cooperation which is already in evidence. This may develop into processes of normalisation that will ease and speed up the coming of peace.

THE TRANSPORTATION routes of the Middle East may serve as key

elements in three basic types of political situation:
First, limited economic-transportation links, such as the "open bridges" and the "good fence."
Second, interim agreements, such as that which led to the opening of the Suez Canal.
Third, full peace, characterised by cooperation in all spheres, including joint development planning and free transit of goods and people.

The countries of the region should, in their own interests, move from the first situation to the second, as a prelude to their advance to peace. The purely economic advantage of expanding cooperation is all too obvious. Thus the Port of Eilat could handle loading and off-loading for Jordan, because the Port of Akaba is already choking. The ports of Haifa and Ashdod could service cargoes destined for Jordan, which has no Mediterranean outlet of its own. The railway network that Israel has diligently developed, and the modern road system that crisscrosses the country, offer opportunities for links to the transportation systems of the neighbouring countries. Israel ports are equipped with everything necessary for handling containers, truck ferries and bulk cargoes—and are able to absorb additional tonnages in the million annually. A specialized truck fleet can speed cargoes from one frontier to another. Israel is deployed and ready to serve as a land bridge, parallel to the Suez, and between the Arab countries on her borders—and those beyond them as well.

This transport system could easily become a container centre for the Eastern Mediterranean, with all the tools for collection and dispersion of cargoes throughout the region. Such a centre might be integrated with a free-port for trade and light industry for the Middle East, which should properly be located at the Israeli ports of Haifa or Ashdod.

The same is true of the airways. An international airport that Israel will be building east of Beerseba could, and should, serve as a regional centre for civil aviation.

The airports of Jerusalem and Eilat-Akaba are suitable for development with a view to servicing both Israel and Jordan—under joint or at least coordinated management—since they are located close to the borders at sites of mutual interest.

BEYOND these possibilities, there is need for cooperation between Israel and her neighbours in the preservation of the regional environment. Most pressing in this connection is the conservation of the Gulf of Eilat, where the activity of the ports on both sides of the frontier threatens a natural site of exceptional beauty.

A preliminary examination, prepared at my request, indicates that for an investment of some \$800,000, it would be possible to rehabilitate and complete a railway network reaching from Haifa to Jordan, from Beerseba to Ashdod and Yamit, from the Lebanese frontier along the Mediterranean coast to the Suez Canal, and from Mount Zin in the Negev to Eilat—as well as to adapt Israel's ports of Haifa and Ashdod to Jordanian needs, and to develop the two airports of Jerusalem and Eilat to serve both countries. This may seem like a huge investment, yet it shrinks in comparison with the amounts currently expended by the countries of the area on maintaining their armed forces.

Not all of the projects could be implemented immediately; some of them may have to await the coming of peace. Yet, their great strength is in their very ability to bring peace near. The transit of Israeli cargoes should, for example, be a precedent for the transit of Arab cargoes through Israel. If our neighbours have difficulty in the negotiation of peace treaties, then the taking of peaceful actions for their own benefit—but in collaboration with Israel—might ease their way towards a formal accommodation.

The debate about whether joint action precedes peace or vice versa is of about as much value as the classic argument about the chicken and the egg. To me, they are interdependent, and any move in one direction will bring on progress in the other.

READERS' LETTERS

THE IMBALANCE OF BREIRA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Some additional comments might provide a fuller perspective on Breira, about which I was quoted in your issue of February 18.

Breira, I believe, has yet to comprehend its role within American politics—a view supported, I think, by the two-day conference in Washington last month. While much time was spent on resolutions and policies, little was spent on devising a strategy for furthering these outlooks without harming Israel's image in the U.S. This imbalance represents how developed is Breira's sense of "what should be done" and how underdeveloped is its sense of political realities.

Furthermore, Breira's self-definition within the Zionist ideological spectrum has yet to emerge and is, in fact, purposefully held back. This explains first why Breira is such a diverse movement comprised of some fervent Zionists, many closet non-Zionists, and a few anti-Zionists, and second, why outsiders have such difficulty understanding what Breira really stands for and what it is attempting to achieve.

My quoted comment about how "Breira's only hope is to weaken American support for current Israeli policies as to force policy changes, by U.S. imposition if necessary" was actually meant as both provocation and warning to the Breira leadership. The provocation is to more deeply think through the real and potential effects of Breira's actions. The warning refers to the self-deception of thinking that Breira can ever be an important element directly in Israeli politics and the consequent need to acknowledge that Breira's impact is primarily indirect through American political developments. This should raise considerable anxiety, especially when consideration is properly given to the various uses which some anti-Israel forces make of Breira.

It is quite important, I think, that Breira try to understand the real political effects of its views and actions, not cover itself with the aura of progressive-liberalism which American Jewry now bequeaths to Israel.

MARK A. BRUNSON
Washington, D.C.

MKS' SALARIES AND PENSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of March 10, you reveal that a Member of Knesset who has served one four-year term is entitled for the rest of his life, in addition to his pension, to 9,000 free phone calls every year, plus 1,200 interurban calls, travel allowances, free transportation by bus and train, etc. etc.

Am I the only citizen in this country who is deeply shocked?

A Member of Knesset should be entitled to numerous material privileges in addition to his salary or pension, but your revelations make us, the tax-paying citizens of the country, first-rate suckers. I had always lived under the illusion that our Social Welfare resources were directed to the needy and did not serve to pamper the ex-members of our Parliament and their families.

Am I the only citizen in this country who is deeply shocked?

Kfir Shmaryahu

PREGNANCY ADVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In response to Marsha Pomerantz's article of March 11, "To have or have not—developments in family planning," we would like to bring to your attention the existence of the Shilo Pregnancy Advisory Service which opened in Jerusalem in November 1976.

Ms. Pomerantz raises some of the problems women in Israel face when seeking birth control information and contraceptives. In this context, two major issues are the *de facto* exclusion of important groups of the population from present and planned birth control services, and the quality of the services provided. As mentioned in the article, unmarried and childless women, adolescents and men are not included in current programmes—supposedly for lack of manpower. Moreover, for many persons, the alternative private services are luxuries out of their reach. Shilo provides free birth control information and counselling to any person who seeks it—regardless of marital status, age, sex and income. It operates as a "drop-in" service without need for referral and with no waiting list. It is open in the evenings and is located in the centre of town (10 Bessalel Street) from 11:30 to 11:00 according to the individual's medical requirements and psycho-social situation.

TESSA REHMER
ELISABETH ROTHCHILD
Shilo Pregnancy Advisory Service
Jerusalem.

Shilo is a non-profit organisation which has received one-time grants from the Family Planning Association, the Volunteer Services of the Hebrew University Student Union, a Swedish Jewish Women's organisation and at least one private donor. The Demographic Centre has promised a grant. Ed. J.P.

SAVE RUSSIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of March 4, you referred to Mark Graner and Marat Oms as 47 and 48 years of age respectively. Actually they are each only 30 years of age, and so much more the pity that they should be cut off from society during the flower of their lives.

My wife and I had an opportunity to spend several days with them in Chernovitz during a recent visit to the Soviet Union and came away with their particularly desperate plight. Marat, an applied mathematician, and Mark, an electronics engineer, have not been gainfully employed since they applied to OVR to emigrate to Israel five years ago. They and their young families live in utter isolation and content with real fear and harassment on a daily basis. (The minute we said goodbye to them near the Hotel Bukovina, we were escorted in for a chat with the KGB.)

As much as they need Israel, Israel needs them, and every effort must be made to save these beautiful people and the others, of whom they are representative.

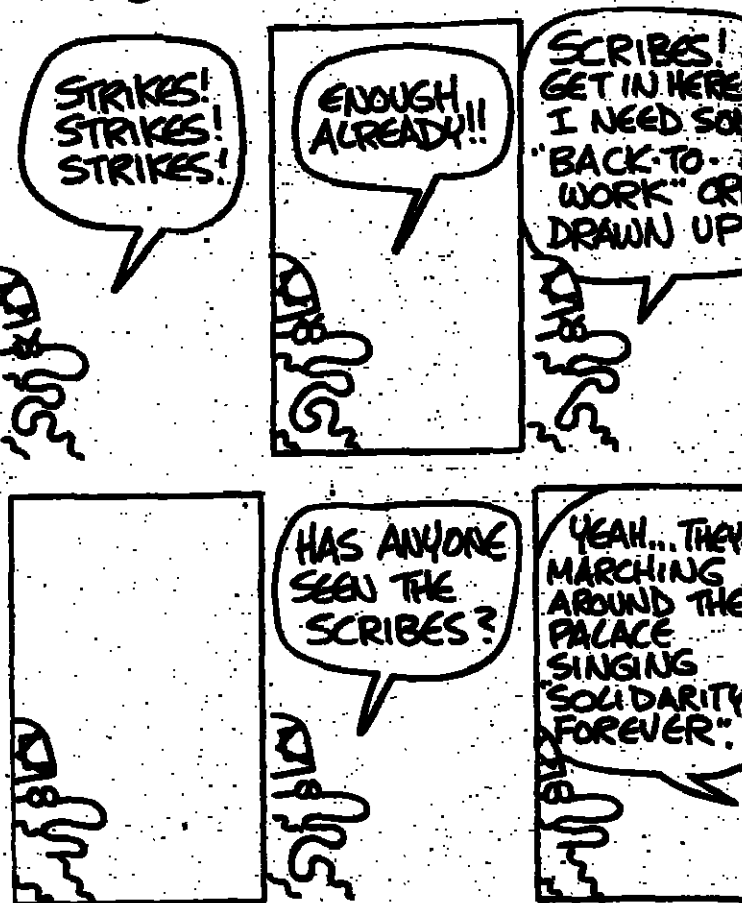
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PENFRIENDS

LEO LEHTINEN (22), of Rongakato 4D, 87, 38100 Tampere 10, Finland, is a student who would like to correspond with Israeli girls. His hobbies are nature, music, sport and literature.

HUBERT BEINER (18), of Grumelingerweg 13, 79 Ulm, West Germany, would like to correspond with young Israelis in order to learn more about our country.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

ISRAELIS seemed to be in a good mood over the holiday week-end, perhaps because (with the exception of housewives) they could look forward to two days of relaxation instead of just one.

At the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem on Friday morning, the ticket-sellers were pleasantly disposed. "Safe journey and a happy holiday," they said to us with a smile. The bus filled up with knots of soldiers going on leave, rifles in one hand, bunches of flowers in the other. A delightful and reassuring sight.

In Tel Aviv, the pilot of the little plane that does sky-writing advertising over the beach obviously shared the general feeling. Normally he tells the thousands fighting on the beaches for a patch of sand how to towel to where. On Passah Eve he omitted his usual "commercials." Zigzagging across the sky, he wrote in white smoke "Hag sameah"—happy holiday.

Incidentally, at one Tel Aviv Seder the "ransom" requested for the obligatory return of the *afikomen* was a return ticket to Belgrade for the basketball finals. The paterfamilias offered a Mital Hapayis lottery ticket instead.

F.D.

IS IT POSSIBLE that the computer will one day put rabbits out of business when it comes to answering questions about Halacha?
Bar Ilan University has computerized Halachic literature, and last week produced the reply of a 16th century rabbi to a question topical this year when the preparation of the Seder was so complicated. How does one keep bitter herbs fresh after they've been picked, an anxious housewife must have asked some 500 years ago. Rabbi Yaakov Weil, who lived in Erturt in Ashkenaz (Germany) in the 15th century wrote that one "placed the bitter herbs back into the ground so that they retain their freshness and moisture."

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